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CIVIL AVIATION
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DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Aerospace Laboratory has designed and developed a small aviation aircraft named Hansa-3 and Saras;

(b) if so, the details thereof and number of test flights undertaken;

(c) the total cost of each type of aircraft; and

(d) the time by which these two aircraft are likely to be put in service?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) and (b):- National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), Bangalore has designed, developed and fabricated a two seater Hansa-3 aircraft. Before type certification by Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Hansa-3 aircraft has undergone about 150 hours of flight testing. NAL has also designed and is developing a multi-role 14 seater light transport SARAS aircraft.Prototype of SARASis under fabrication and the first flight is not likely to take place before December, 2002.

(c):- The total cost of Hansa-3 aircraft is Rs.48.00 lakhs while the cost of SARAS aircraft is Rs.31.25 crores.

(d):- Hansa-3 aircraft is already being used by various flying clubs in the country. SARAS aircraft is not likely tobe put in service before 2005.